

**FEBRUARY 16 AND MARCH 13 WILL BE MAKE-UP DAYS**

## School System To Sell Preschool Building

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Board of Education voted following a closed session Monday night to begin the process of putting the former preschool building on Arcadia Avenue up for sale. During the coming weeks, the property will be appraised and listed. The preschool classrooms were moved from that building to space in the elementary school before classes started this year.

Treasurer Jenny Bruce presented the draft budget for school year 2015-2016. The draft budget was approved as was the current treasurer's report. The balance at the end of December was \$1,154,555.59. The general fund balance of \$1,077,901.69 was \$231,834.80 less than one year ago.

The 2014-2015 school calendar was modified to use Feb. 16 and March 13 as make-up days, keeping May 21 as the current last day for students. The proposed calendar for 2015-2016 was also approved by the board. That calendar shows



**SCHOOL board members (from left) Vicki Allen, Tracy Overby and Melissa Knight are sworn in to their public office by Mayor Jenny Sewell prior to the school board meeting Monday night, Jan. 26.**

Aug. 5 as the first day for students and May 20 as the final day of classes.

The board also approved a job description for a lead nighttime custodian as well

as extra duty salary of \$125 monthly for the position. Superintendent Lenny Whalen

said this is not an additional position. The person hired for the job will fill an existing vacancy but will lead the night shift crew. Current custodians may apply. The position will be used on a trial basis until June 30 with full implementation based on Whalen's evaluation.

Kent Workman, director of pupil personnel, reported that enrollment is steady at this time. As of Tuesday, the district had 43 preschool students, 344 in elementary and 301 in junior-senior high. Attendance has bounced back to normal after taking a hit in the fifth month due to illness, Workman said.

Other action items included approval of the following:

- Jenny Bruce as 2015 school board secretary;
- The third Monday of each month as meeting dates except for January and June;
- 2015-2016 staffing policies;
- Submitting a waiver to the Kentucky Department of Education continuing the cur-

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**STREETS and sidewalks remained clear as a ground cover of snow quickly accumulated in Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Dawson Springs Friday afternoon, Jan. 23.**

**PENNYRILE EXIT NUMBERS TO CHANGE**

## I-69 Could Be Extended To Henderson This Year

Kevin McClearn, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2 chief engineer, is optimistic Interstate 69 can be extended up the Pennyriple Parkway from Madisonville to Henderson by the end of the year.

During McClearn's recent presentation to the Madisonville Lions Club, members had questions about changes to exit numbers along the route. McClearn said I-69 will bring new numbers to all exits along the Pennyriple from Mortons Gap to Henderson.

"We plan to meet the requirements

mapped out in an official agreement between KYTC and the Federal Highway Administration to allow us to place I-69 signs along 41.8 miles on the Pennyriple, allowing it to officially become a part of the Interstate system," McClearn said. "Once we have our list of projects completed or under contract, we can request approval to move ahead with the required signage and new exit numbers. We expect to gain that approval this summer."

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## Results Of Survey Show Improvement Jr./Sr. High SBDM

By Carolyn Walker

The Leader in Me program, patterned on The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey, was approved Jan. 21 by the Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High SBDM Council. The three-year program, which prepares students to succeed in the 21st century economy, will involve grades 7-9.

The Leader in Me was discussed at two previous meetings and tabled pending arrangements for financing. All costs will be covered by a grant administered by the Center for School Climate through the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative.

The council approved the current budget report showing an available balance of \$22,981.64. As of last Wednesday, 24.5 percent of the year's allocation had been used.

Principal and council chairman Kevin Stockman reviewed his monthly report for the board of education with the

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## Elementary SBDM

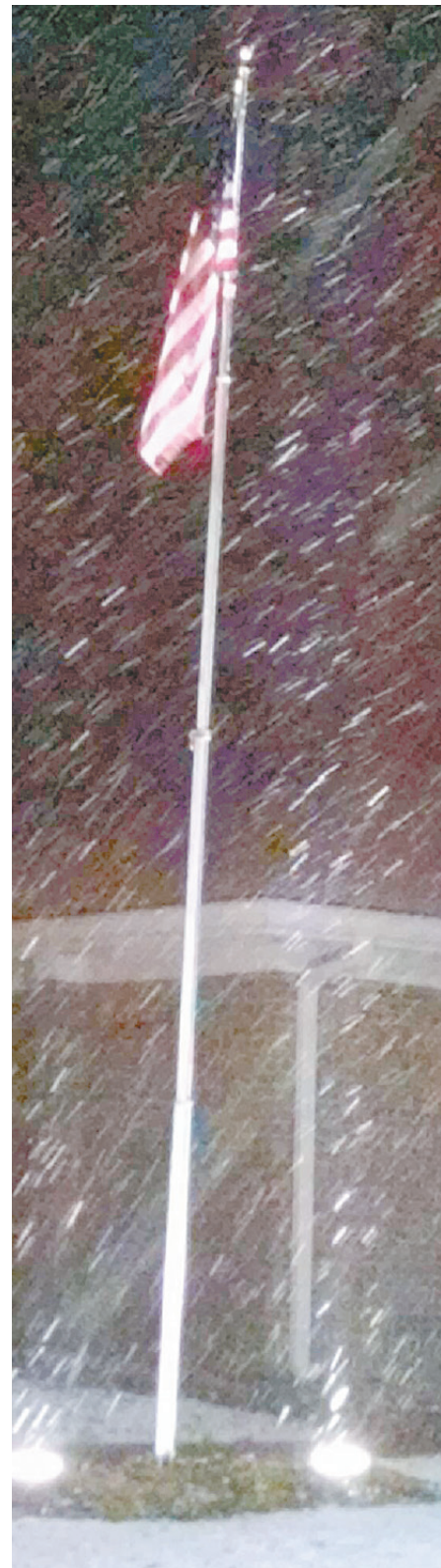
The Dawson Springs Elementary SBDM Council met Thursday in the elementary conference room.

The budget report with a balance of \$11,564.48 for the remainder of the year was approved. At this point 56.7 percent has been spent.

Council members reviewed three policies scheduled for this month's meeting. The Instructional and Non-instructional Staff Time Assignment, Retention, and School Space Use policies were approved as read.

Results of the Student Voice survey

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**LARGE snowflakes surrounded the American flag at the Dawson Springs Housing Authority office at Clarkdale Court Friday evening, Jan. 23.**

photo by Bill Crider

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### Obituaries

Gayno Hopper Jr. 69

John Bradley Matheny, 85

Charles Anthony Moore, 51

### LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 1/28	Thu 1/29	Fri 1/30	Sat 1/31	Sun 2/1
 <b>48/39</b> Sunny skies. High 48F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.	 <b>50/30</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	 <b>40/27</b> A few clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	 <b>41/34</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 30s.	 <b>43/25</b> Cloudy with rain. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.

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# Graveside Service Held For Charles A. Moore

Graveside services for Charles Anthony Moore, 51, of Mortons Gap, were held Monday at Old Salem Cemetery in Mortons Gap.

Jared Kirkwood officiated. Reid-Walters Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Moore died Jan. 23, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born July 30, 1963, in Madisonville, to the late Charles E. and Linda Faye Josey Moore.

He was a dry wall contractor and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ricky Marvel.

Survivors include his daughter, Madison Moore of Mortons Gap; a stepdaughter, Toni Neihoff of Paducah; two sisters, Rhonda Tucker of Paducah and Beth Kirkwood of Nicholasville; and one grandson.

## KET Lists Upcoming Programs

In KET's Shakespeare Uncovered series' season premiere, at 9 p.m. Friday, Hugh Bonneville revisits the Open Air Theatre in London's Regent's Park where he started his career as an understudy for Ralph Fiennes in A Midsummer Night's Dream. While there, Bonneville catches up with Fiennes to talk about why the play has such enduring appeal.

Sunday's episode of Louisville Life, hosted by Candyce Clifft, profiles part-time Courier-Journal political cartoonist Marc Murphy. The show also spotlights Louisville's Honey Tree Publishing company, talks with Peter Holloway of StageOne and visits Carmichael's Kids, a new bookstore aimed at a younger audience. The program can be seen at 9 a.m. on KET.

## OBITUARIES

### Services Held Sunday For John B. Matheny

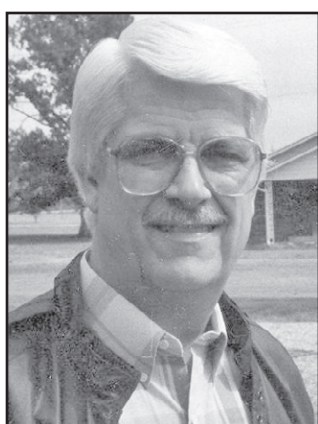
The funeral for John Bradley Matheny, 85, of Dawson Springs, was held Sunday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. J.W. Haire officiated. Burial, with military rites conducted by the U.S. Army and the Hopkins County Honor Guard, was in Ilsley Cemetery.

Matheny died Jan. 21, 2015, at West Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson.

He was born Jan. 6, 1930, in Hopkins County, to the late William A. and Eloise Walker Matheny.

He worked as a machinist with Quickset for more than 40 years and was of the Baptist faith.



JOHN MATHENY

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Vicky Gail Snyder; a brother, Billy B. Matheny; and a sister, Maxine Matheny Allen.

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# Services Held Saturday For Gayno Hopper Jr.

The funeral for Gayno Hopper Jr., 69, of Mortons Gap, was held Saturday at Mortons Gap Second Baptist Church. Reid-Walters Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bro. Guy Gibbons officiated. Burial was in New Suthards Cemetery. Hopper died Jan. 21, 2015, at his home.

He was born Sept. 4, 1945, to the late Gayno Jasper Hopper Sr. and Carrie D. Crick Hopper Thomason.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving in Vietnam and a retired coal miner. He was a member of Second Baptist Church of

Mortons Gap.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Hopper.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jo Hopper; three sons, Domnick Hopper of Madisonville, Gayno J. Hopper III and Brian Nathan Hopper, both of Beulah; three sisters, Barbara A. Williams of Madisonville, Linda Gary of Florida and Estelle Corn of Owensboro; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Domnick Hopper, Brian Nathan Hopper, Gayno J. Hopper III, Nickolas Hopper, Greg Corn and Nathan Rodgers.

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Ahaziah King of Judah  
II Chronicles 22

The people of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, the youngest son of Jehoram king of Judah. All of his older brothers had been killed by the Arab raiders. His mother was Athaliah, granddaughter of Omri and daughter of Ahab, all of Israel.

At his mother's urging Ahaziah followed Ahab's example, doing evil in the sight of the Lord. He followed the advice of the advisers to Ahab and this was his undoing. Ahaziah went with Joram of Israel to war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth Gilead. Joram was wounded and went to Jezreel to recover.

While Ahaziah was visiting with Joram he went with Joram to meet Jehu whom the LORD had anointed to destroy the house of Ahab.

Jehu found the princes of Judah and Ahaziah's attendants and killed them. He then went in search of Ahaziah and captured him while he was hiding in Samaria. He was brought to Jehu and put to death. His servants took him by chariot to Jerusalem and buried him with his fathers in his tomb in the City of David. Seeing that Ahaziah was dead, Athaliah attempted to destroy the whole royal family of the house of Judah.

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## Madisonville KP Post 2 Welcomes New Troopers

Kentucky State Police Post 2 welcomed two new troopers to their ranks. They were among the 69 new troopers who graduated from the Kentucky State Police Academy Jan. 16. Their addition to the force brings the agency's strength to a total of 910 troopers serving Kentucky citizens.

Trooper Eric M. Browning, 35, of Beaver Dam, is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He is assigned to

Hopkins County. Trooper Jonathan C. Johnson, 38, of Franklin, worked for the Franklin Police Department prior to joining the KSP. He is assigned to Christian County.

The new troopers will undergo an extensive field-training period with experienced troopers for approximately eight weeks. After the field-training period, they will begin their respective assignments.

## Princeton Woman Dies In One-Vehicle Accident

A single-vehicle crash on U.S. 62 that resulted in the death of a Princeton woman is under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

According to KSP, a vehicle driven by Paul A. Loney, 25, of Princeton, was traveling east when for unknown reasons the Ford Focus left the right side of the road, struck a guard rail and came to rest in a ravine.

A passenger in Loney's vehicle, Courtney A. Flear, 19, of Princeton, was pronounced dead at

the scene.

Loney was taken to Caldwell Medical Center for treatment. Two additional passengers in the vehicle were also injured. Jason M. Whitney, 29, of Princeton, was flown to Vanderbilt Medical Center; and Alicia R. Cotton, 42, of Eddyville, was flown to Skyline Medical Center.

The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, the Princeton Fire Department and the Caldwell County Coroner's Office assisted at the scene.

## Kentucky Releases 2014 Highway Fatality Figures

Highway fatalities in Kentucky increased in 2014 after a record low in 2013.

Kentucky Office of Highway Safety preliminary figures from a Jan. 16 report indicate 667 people lost their lives on Kentucky roads last year, up from 638 in 2013. However, it was the second lowest total since 1949 when 573 fatalities were recorded.

Mike Hancock, transportation secretary and Gov. Steve Beshear's designated representative for highway safety, said saving lives and reducing serious injuries is a top priority of the administration.

"We are saddened by the fatality increase, and we firmly believe that one fatality is too many," Hancock said. "The Governor's Executive Committee on Highway Safety is committed to providing direction on traffic safety issues as we move 'Toward Zero Deaths' on Kentucky's roadways."

The committee includes representatives of 18 highway safety agencies and organizations such as KOHS, Kentucky State Police, federal highway agencies, local law enforcement and emergency services. Its goal is to work cooperatively to update and implement Kentucky's Strategic Highway Safety Plan — "Toward Zero Deaths."

KOHS Executive Director Bill Bell said there were some encouraging trends in 2014 on which to build.

"Because more motorists took responsibility for their driving habits, there were 81 days last year in which no one lost a loved one on our roadways, which is up from 75 days in 2013," Bell said. "We are committed to focusing our efforts until that number of zero-death days reaches 365."

Until then, KOHS will analyze highway data to identify existing issues and attempt to predict future problems.

"Another encouraging trend was our alcohol-related crashes, which were down by more than 2 percent," Bell said. "This is a product of the tireless efforts by law enforcement and prosecutors."

KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer says the increase in fatalities during 2014 will not discourage his agency from



**SUPERINTENDENT Lenny Whalen presents the monthly elementary school fine arts award to Erica Bruce at the Monday, Jan. 26, board of education meeting.**

## Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Jennifer Plunkett, 41, Dawson Springs, was charged Jan. 19 with nonpayment of fines on a Hopkins County bench warrant.

—Roland L. Wilson, 36, Dawson Springs, was charged Jan. 19 with failure to appear on a Hopkins County bench warrant.

—Johnnie L. Dearing, 45, Dawson Springs, was charged Jan. 19 with failure to appear on a Hopkins County bench warrant and two counts of failure to appear on Lyon County bench warrants.

—Larry R. Gamble, 36, Dawson Springs, was charged with second-

degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and nonpayment of fines on a Hopkins County bench warrant.

—Daniel Oglesby, 39, Dawson Springs, was charged Jan. 25 with two counts of nonpayment of fines on Hopkins County bench warrants.

—Michael A. Gambelin, 23, Nortonville, was charged Jan. 25 with nonpayment of fines on a Hopkins County bench warrant.

A Dawson Springs resident was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Kimberly D. Hale, 19, 11780 Nortonville Road, was charged Jan. 23 with resisting arrest on a Hopkins County warrant.

## KET Lists Upcoming Programs

The third season of Kentucky Collectibles continues from the Frazier History Museum in Louisville as appraisers examine the history and value of an Edward Curtis orotone and a German sporting rifle. The program airs at 3:30 p.m. Saturday on KET.

For viewers looking

for a football alternative on Feb. 1, KET presents Sunday Spectacular, a full day of viewer-favorite musical specials, documentaries and more, plus the opportunity to support KET programs and services. Sunday Spectacular will be on air from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Dollar Stores' Mergers Could Affect Customers

**By Monica Spees  
Bowling Green Daily News**

Three big-name dollar stores, all of which have locations in Kentucky, are likely nearing the end of merger negotiations that could result in hundreds or thousands of stores closing nationwide.

Dollar Tree and Dollar General have been negotiating to acquire Family Dollar since August. Dollar Tree and Family Dollar reached a definitive merger agreement in July in which Dollar Tree would acquire Family Dollar in a cash and stock transaction, according to a July news release from Family Dollar. But less than a month later, Dollar General made a proposal to acquire Family Dollar, according to an August release from Dollar General.

Cathy Carey, head of the economics department at Western Kentucky University, predicts shareholders will vote in favor of the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree merger. Though it wouldn't be as good of a deal as a merger with Dollar General, a Family Dollar/Dollar Tree merger is more likely to go through and be settled quickly, and fewer overlapping stores would be closed.

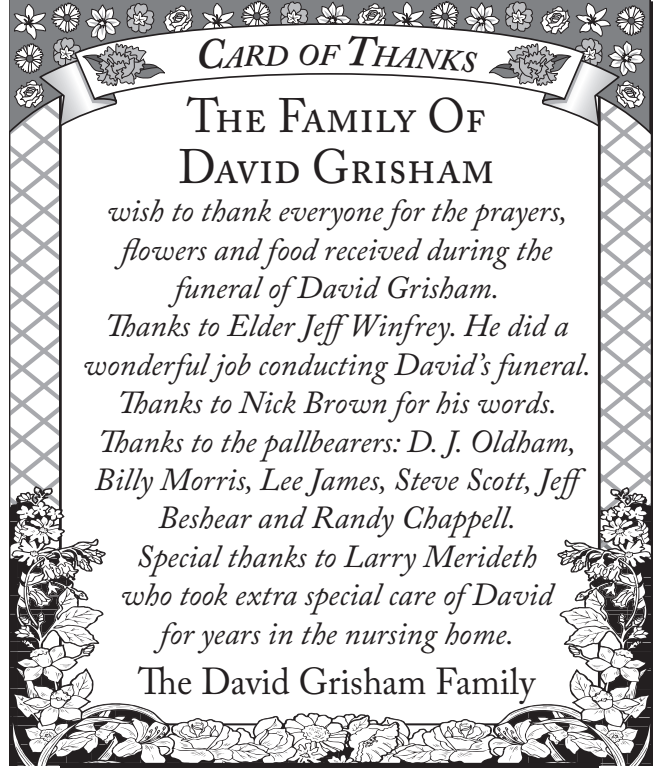
If Dollar Tree and Family Dollar merge, the Federal Trade Commission estimates about 310 stores would close, though Dollar Tree estimates the number could be less and has found buyers for potential closing locations, according to a release from Dollar Tree.

If Dollar General and Family Dollar merge, Family Dollar estimates 3,500 to 4,000 stores would close. Because about 1,000 new Dollar General stores are scheduled to open in the coming year, even more Family Dollar stores might have to be closed.

A Family Dollar/Dollar Tree merger would mean Dollar Tree can expand into more markets and continue to compete with Dollar General, Carey said. A Family Dollar/Dollar General merger also would mean Dollar General would knock out a competitor, making the market less competitive.

"When markets become less competitive, consumers lose if firms exercise their ability to raise prices," Carey said.

There has been no indication that Dollar Tree's standard \$1 price will change, nor that store names would change in either possible merger.



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# OPINION

## ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

## Every scandal has to have a fall guy

The Watergate scandal had Haldeman and Ehrlichman — along with others — to cover up for high ranking government officials including President Nixon.

“The Maltese Falcon” had Wilmer Cook. He took the fall for Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart), Joel Cairo (Peter Lorre) and Casper Gutman (Sydney Greenstreet).

The more recent scandal, called deflategate, was in need of a fall guy to cover up for Bill Belichick, Tom Brady and other high ranking Patriots.

This newspaperman was ready and preparing to be their fall guy.

In case you haven’t heard, the New England Patriots have been accused of deflating the footballs prior to their blowout victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

My family had not been informed of my decision. It was inevitable they would need to know what’s going on since the media would flock to anyone that is familiar with me, even however remotely.

I know this because of my relationship with media people. They are basically nosy and want the public to know everything. They take a minor offense, such as a school board or city council going into closed session to conduct the public’s business, and blow it completely out of proportion.

If the media can take something like a school board’s discussion to sell public property or a deflated football and turn it into a media circus, imagine what they would do to me if I admitted to being the perpetrator with an air needle.

Most of my family — and more than likely myself included — would probably crack under the scrutiny. We would end up admitting we were just fall guys. But that’s usually too late. The next game — Super Bowl XLIX — will have been played, and it would be too late for the Colts.

But all this worry was for naught. It doesn’t appear any action will be needed on my part since Don Moore apparently is taking the fall for the Pats and their organization.

Who is Don Moore you say? Well he’s the car salesman from Owensboro. His new television ads show him admitting to deflating footballs along with trying to sell cars.

I’m glad there is a fall guy and especially glad it didn’t have to be me. Lord knows my family and friends have enough on their minds without having to worry about media interviews.

Enough about the fall guys. Who will win Sunday’s Super Bore game?

That all depends on how much air pressure is in the footballs, but if past performance is any indication, the Patriots will find a way to win. Because of this and the fact there have been very few repeat champions, the Seattle Seahawks will be the team taking the next fall.

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And now for that intense media scrutiny on our own local board of education. The board, with the direction of school supintendent Lenny Whalen, went into a closed session in order to “discuss the sale or acquisition of real property and discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the school district.”

At the end of the closed session, the school board came back into open session and agreed to declare the former preschool building as surplus property in order to place it for sale.

We don’t have a problem with the second part of the reason for the closed session — particularly since the board did not elaborate on what the “proposed or pending litigation” might be.

However, we do have a problem with the board discussing whether or not to sell a piece of property which we (the school and its taxpayers) own.

Here is what the law says in this instance about exemptions to open meetings. You be the judge if our local board was incorrect in talking about the sale of the preschool building in closed session:

61.801 Exceptions to open meetings.

(1) All meetings of a quorum of the members of any public agency at which any public business is discussed or at which any action is taken by the agency, shall be public meetings, open to the public at all times, except for the following:

(b) Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency;

After that little bitty word “but” is the key. Would the discussion about whether or not to sell the building; about how the local school could use the building; or if in fact it is not needed affect the sales price? The Progress says no it would not. The discussion is something the public deserved to know about.

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Enough of the not-so-funny stuff, here is something that is really funny...

—An elderly man walked into the barbership for a shave and a haircut, but he told the barber he couldn’t get all his whiskers off because his cheeks were wrinkled from age.

The barber got a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and told him to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin. When he finished, the man told the barber that was the cleanest shave he had in years. But he wanted to know what would have happened if he had swallowed that little ball.

The barber replied, “Just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does.”

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## Commentary... Postal cuts are too extreme

By  
Postal Regulatory Commissioner  
Ruth Y. Goldway

Recently, the U.S. Postal Service reduced its service standards for First-Class mail and eliminated nearly all overnight letter mail delivery. Most mail will be delivered in two to three days — longer if weekends and holidays are involved. During 2015, more than 80 processing plants serving small cities and rural areas throughout the nation will be closed in the Postal Service’s push to shrink its network.

The Postal Service has achieved considerable success in removing costs from the system during the last six years, at a time when mail volumes were in decline. This latest round of operational cuts, however, threatens the very integrity and concept of Universal Service — the Postal Service’s primary obligation under the law.

These measures will result in a two-tier patchwork network in which service to smaller cities and rural areas will be degraded much more than major urban areas. This despite the fact that the law requires that postal customers in all areas be provided prompt, reliable and efficient services. The law also mandates that the Postal Service shall provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service to rural areas, communities and small towns where post offices are not self-sustaining. Under the law, the Postal Service is required to give the highest consideration to the requirement for the most expeditious collection, transportation, and delivery of important letter mail.

While we have experienced increased access to electronic communications options, particularly in metropolitan areas, a great many American homes and businesses rely upon the mail. It

remains essential that all Americans can rely on a fundamental communication service and avenue of commerce that provides equal access and prompt service to all, regardless of region. Binding the nation together is the founding principle of the Postal Service’s mandate.

The Postal Service is moving ahead with these changes despite three cautionary reports: a March 2013 Management Advisory Report; a September 2012 Audit Report issued by its Office of Inspector General, and an Advisory Opinion produced by the Postal Regulatory Commission in 2012.

The Inspector General in his reports called on the Postal Service to carefully evaluate actual measured cost savings and service impacts for the network changes implemented in 2013 and 2014; to accurately and fully disclose to mailers and other stakeholders the savings resulting from closed facilities, and to provide a more reliable estimate of future changes during the notification process.

In its 2012 Advisory Opinion, the commission pointed out that by identifying the productivity levels of plants and by basing closures and processing rearrangements on measurable efficiency gains, the Postal Service could do better than in its original plan: save more money, maintain higher service standard levels and keep more plants operating.

In fact, the commission’s analysis indicated that the Postal Service could undertake significant network improvements and reap large cost savings while preserving most current service levels. As a result, the commission urged the Postal Service to carefully review the first set of plant closings and service standard reductions before embarking on this second phase of closures and further reducing service.

Unfortunately, the Postal Service has not taken those important steps. First, the service has not publicly identified the impact on revenue and profit from the proposed changes. Second, the Postal Service has not disclosed a robust, reliable figure for savings obtained from the first set of consolidations. Third, the service has not identified projected savings from the second phase of consolidations.

An essential role of the commission is to help ensure that the Postal Service provides adequate transparency and accountability, particularly where there may be a gap in the public record. I believe that such a gap exists with regard to the proposed plant closings.

In August, 51 senators signed a bipartisan letter asking the Postal Service to delay these announced service changes and plant closings because of continuing uncertainty over the impact on the public. The following month, 160 House members asked for a moratorium on the plant closures, expressing concerns over slowed mail.

At a time when the Postal Service is proudly promoting its Sunday delivery and same day package delivery offerings in major cities, it should not be impairing service in other parts of the country. The nation depends on a Postal Service that provides as consistent a level of service and pricing as possible to all Americans.

Before proceeding with these changes, the Postal Service should — at the very least — offer well-supported projections of the impacts on operational efficiency and solid estimates of financial savings before hastily embarking on this new round of cuts and closures.

*Goldway has served at the Postal Regulatory Commission since 1998 and was Commission chairman from 2009 to 2014.*

## Other editors

### Measles is making unwanted comeback

An outbreak of measles in California that has spread into several western states and Mexico is alarming public health officials and has focused renewed attention on the dangerous opposition among some parents to vaccines.

Measles, a childhood viral infection, had been declared eradicated in 2000 because of the widespread use and enormous success of the vaccine.

Though most children recover from measles, an ailment that includes a skin rash, fever and other symptoms, some don’t.

Before the measles vaccine became widely used in the early 1960s, 3 to 4 million Americans a year would get measles and 400 to 500 would die from it, The New York Times reported Thursday.

And now it’s back. After many years with fewer than 100 cases reported in the United States — usually linked to people who had traveled to other countries, officials counted 644 cases in 2014.

The tally is up to 59 cases as of this week in the outbreak traced to California’s Disneyland in mid-December that infected five of the park’s employees.

Some public health experts blame the current outbreak squarely on the anti-vaccination movement, involving parents who believe the vaccines can pose hazards to young children — a movement largely traced to discredited claims that vaccines are linked to autism.

“It wouldn’t have happened otherwise,” said Dr. James Cherry, a California pediatric infectious disease specialist, told the Times.

“A powder keg waiting for a match,” is how Vanderbilt University’s Dr. William Schaffner described to USA Today the risk to communities with high rates of children lacking immunizations.

While all states require children to receive vaccinations before starting school, some allow people to opt out based on religious or philosophical objections.

As a result, vaccination rates among children vary by state and by community.

Public health officials say the vaccination rate

should be 95 percent or higher to prevent outbreaks.

In Kentucky, 93.9 percent of children entering kindergarten are immunized, according to the federal statistics.

Exemptions in Kentucky are allowed for medical or religious reasons.

In some states, anti-vaccine forces have lobbied for expanded rights to opt out of basic vaccines.

The current measles outbreak shows that lawmakers need to base decisions on science and public health, not opinions and fears.

—Louisville Courier-Journal

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## LOOKING BACK

# 10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

## 10 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Jan. 21, 2005.)

Jonah Zechariah Ashlock celebrated his fifth birthday with a pizza party Saturday, Jan. 15, at Abundant Faith Apostolic Church.

Karissa Paige Ashlock celebrated her second birthday with a pizza party Saturday, Jan. 15.

The funeral for Lena E. Stagner, 85, was held Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Dunn Cemetery.

A memorial service for Dorothy I. Scott, 97, will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 30, at 1:30 at the First Christian Church. Burial will follow at Rosedale Cemetery.

## 25 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Jan. 25, 1990.)

The homecoming king and queen were named at Dawson Springs High School Friday night, Jan. 19. They were Alexia Music and Steven Parker.

The Panthers won their second consecutive girl-boy doubleheader when they dispatched Crittenden County Tuesday night.

Shelby Lynn Roberson was born Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. She weighed seven pounds.

Services for John Taylor "J.T." Moore, 69, were held Saturday afternoon, Jan. 20, at Apostolic Holiness Church. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

## 50 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Jan. 28, 1965)

Funeral services will be held for Mrs. Pearl Fox, 77, Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the First Methodist Church. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery.

The Public Housing Administration has approved a loan of \$734,145 for the construction of 50 low rent homes here.

Davis Bestway Supermarket offers the following prices in their advertisement in this week's edition: Fresh lean ground beef, 3 pounds \$1; Campbell's tomato soup, 10¢ per can; Folger's coffee, 2-lb. can \$1.39; Hunt's peaches, 4 cans 99¢; Medium grade A eggs, 3 dozen \$1; Dixie Belle crackers, lb. 15¢.

## Moments in time...

- On Jan. 27, 1785, the Georgia General Assembly incorporates the University of Georgia, the first state-funded institution of higher learning in the new republic. It wasn't until 1918 that the university began admitting women.

- On Feb. 1, 1885, John Taylor, the president of the Mormon Latter-day Saints Church, goes "underground" to avoid arrest and continue resisting federal demands for polygamy. Taylor had at least seven wives. Although the Mormons wanted freedom from outside interference, they also sought the benefits of being a part of the United States. Inevitably, these two goals conflicted.

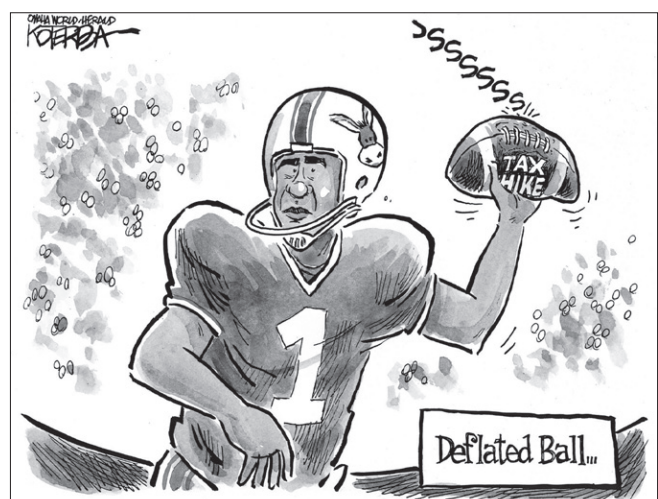
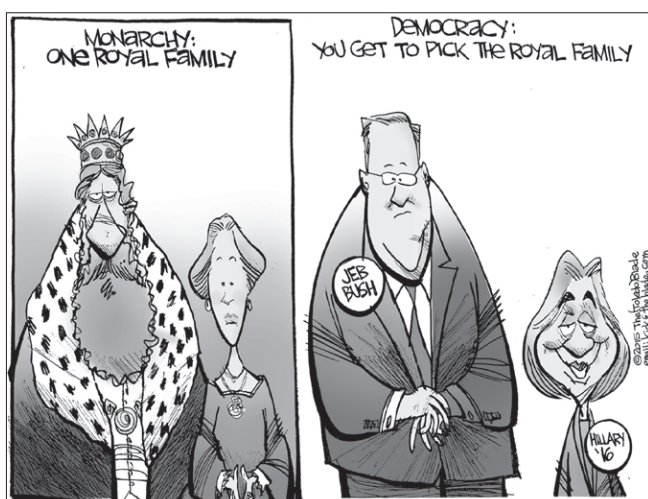
- On Jan. 30, 1920, Toyo Cork Kogyo, a Japanese cork business, is formed. A decade later, the company produced its first vehicle and changed its name to Mazda. The Mazda-Go was a three-wheeled truck that resembled a motorcycle with a cargo-carrier at the back.

- On Jan. 31, 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik becomes the first American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion. Slovik was originally classified 4-F because of a prison record, but was reclassified 1-A when draft standards were lowered. In 1944, he was trained to be a rifleman, which was not to his liking, as he hated guns.

- On Jan. 28, 1959, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League sign Vince Lombardi to a five-year contract as the team's coach and general manager. The Brooklyn-born Lombardi played college football at Fordham University as a guard on the offensive line, dubbed the "Seven Blocks of Granite."

- On Jan. 29, 1964, Stanley Kubrick's black comic masterpiece "Dr. Strangelove" opens in theaters to both critical and popular acclaim. The movie focused on the actions of a rogue U.S. military officer who believed that communists are threatening the "precious bodily fluids" of Americans.

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## Other editors

# Wall Street influences Washington

Although it is risky to predict the dynamics of a newly feisty lame-duck president with nothing to lose and a new Congress totally under the control of the opposition, it is a safe bet that neither will, as the Republicans would like to and President Barack Obama is being urged: Go Big.

The major new issues like tax reform, tax breaks for the middle class, two years of free community college, seven days of federally authorized sick leave and addressing income inequality are likely to be fought at the margins, if at all.

Two other big issues, the Keystone Pipeline and Updating the Authorization for the Use of Military Force, are holdovers from previous Congresses.

Congress will almost certainly, and indeed should, broaden the Bush-era AUMF to include the Islamic State and one way or another whether President Obama wants it or not.

On Keystone, the president should fall back on the old Washington wheeze of insisting on a few ornamental changes in the bill and then declaring victory.

This lack of high-profile partisan activity does not mean Washington is inactive.

One of the most significant battles is being fought largely under the public radar and that's the way the proponents of undoing the Dodd-Frank financial regulations enacted during the recession years want things.

The driving force is the financial industry, Wall Street for short, the best-financed — 704 registered lobbyists on its payroll according to one watchdog group — most politically generous and politically most astute influence group in Washington.

Perhaps chastened by the new political realities they face after having driven the country over a financial cliff once, the big financial institutions have chosen to play small ball.

Their strategy is to draft narrowly focused, highly technical measures that the Republicans can pass with some helpful Democratic votes and then attach to must-pass measures like government funding bills that the president must think twice about vetoing.

So far it is working. Wall Street has succeeded in getting bills passed that lifted restrictions on making risky investments with taxpayer-insured deposits and imposed onerous new restrictions on federal financial regulatory agencies. (And the GOP is the party opposed to federal red tape?)

The Affordable Care Act has attracted powerful defenders in the business, hospital, health insurance and pharmaceutical industries and thus has begun fading from the congressional GOP's radar.

Dodd-Frank has only the little guy on Main Street who is too busy to pay attention to these matters until the roof caves in, some financial industry do-gooders and Wall Street's new favorite person to hate, the Wicked Witch of the Watchdogs, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

It may seem odd that a trillion-dollar industry is relying on a nickel-and-dime strategy to work its will in Washington but those nickels and dimes add up and, as a distinguished legislator said in another context, sooner or later you're talking about real money.

—Henderson Gleaner

## Letters to the editor

# Hospital says thanks

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the patients and staff of Western State Hospital and Western State Nursing Facility in Hopkinsville, heartfelt thanks are extended to everyone who participated in the annual Christmas program.

The holiday season was much brighter thanks to the generosity of caring and compassionate individuals in this community. The entertainment, parties, gifts and contributions made on behalf of the patients were greatly appreciated.

Thanks for taking time out of a busy holiday schedule to remember and visit with us at our facilities.

Tony Winfield  
Community Services Coordinator

# Thanks for old picture

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing the picture of the members of the VFW Post 5359 in the paper on Jan. 14. Seeing this picture brought back many memories of the men in this picture.

To my knowledge all of these men have passed on except one, and that is my uncle, Cletus "Sparky" Glover. He is in his middle 90s and living in a nursing home in Columbus, Ohio.

As you know, the VFW closed in the late '90s due to lack of membership. The VFW furnished many opportunities to the community and youth while I was growing up in Dawson Springs.

Thanks again for the memories to me and the other relatives in this picture.

Larry Cluck  
North Port, Fla.

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## Jr./Sr. High SBDM

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council. Among the items on the report were Wonderful Wednesday professional development events such as the completion of Domain I (planning and preparation) and Domain IV (professional responsibilities) of the Danielson Frameworks teacher observations. The two domains are areas not observed in the classroom setting.

Results of the Student Voice, a survey about teachers, showed 77.7 percent approval in fall 2014, up from 69.4 approval in spring 2014. The survey will be administered again this spring.

Other recent activities included the following:

- A Free Application for Federal Student Aid workshop;
- The Beta Club convention in Louisville;
- Ongoing sports activities and the beginning of practices for spring sports;
- Fire, earthquake, tornado and bus evacuation drills.

Stockman brought up options for different diploma levels since the Commonwealth Diploma is no longer offered. The faculty will discuss this possibility, which would be used as an incentive for students to work harder and take more upper level courses.

Upcoming events include the chili supper sponsored by the band on Friday night, ACT administration Feb. 7 and the homecoming basketball game and activities Feb. 7.

## Elementary SBDM

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about teachers showed an approval rate of 78.1 percent in the fall. The previous survey, administered in the spring of 2014, showed a 74.6 percent approval rate.

In her good news report, Jennifer Ward noted that Jamie Thorp's RTI classes will celebrate their success on the MAP test.

Susie Lovell's sixth grade students made marble tracks in science class to study force and motion. Her social studies students are making brochures on cities outside the United States. Melinda Deboe's split third-fourth grade class made volcanoes.

Upcoming events include interviews for the teaching position in kindergarten tomorrow and the Knights of Columbus free throw contest Saturday.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Feb. 12.



**FRIDAY, Jan. 23, was not an ideal day for golf as seen from the ninth hole on the course at Pennyryle Forest State Resort Park.**

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

## Light Snow Blankets Area

A light snow fell over Dawson Springs and the surrounding area Friday afternoon and early evening. Almost an inch covered the ground, but most road remained clear.



**NEW playground equipment in Dawson Springs Municipal Park was quickly covered with snow Friday, Jan. 23, when an unexpected snowfall descended on the area.**

## School System Will Sell Preschool Building

—Continued from front page

rent District Facilities Plan as recommended by the Local Planning Committee.

Several items were declared as surplus: bus 06, bus 08, a 1995 model DT 466 bus engine and drive train, and an old refrigerator.

The board approved a three-night band trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn. A KETS second offer of assistance in the amount of \$4,572 to escrow up to three years was also approved.

Personnel action included the

resignation of Cinitta Eison and leaves of absence for José Labrado and Kammie Jackson.

Whalen recognized C.J. Merideth and Seth Parker as All "A" Scholarship winners.

Fine art award winners recognized were Erica Bruce, second grade, for "Watercolor Bird Collage"; Linsey Hoard, sixth grade, for "Op Art Sphere"; and Ellie Blake, high school, for "Portrait."

Lauren Davenport, Jessica Earl, Daniel Garrett, Emily Garrett and Mallory Hall were recognized for

their selection to All District Band.

Several staff members were among those receiving certificates at the meeting. They were Laura Lucas, elementary teacher; Shannon Parker and Tracy Collins, middle school cheerleading coaches; and Tracy Bruce, Jeff Miller and Mary Beth Coy, high school support staff.

Whalen also presented certificates of appreciation to board members who were officially sworn in for new two-year terms by Mayor Jenny Sewell.

## Extension Of I-69

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Interchange numbers are determined by the official mile point at which they are located, and since the roadway will drop its association with the Pennyryle Parkway designation, the mile points will change to appropriately match the continuation of I-69 to Henderson.

I-69 now terminates at mile point 106.41 where it meets the Pennyryle Parkway and Western Kentucky Parkway near Nortonville. As it is officially extended to the north, there will be corresponding changes in the exit numbers.

"Just as it took some time to adapt to new exit numbers where I-69 runs along the former Western Kentucky Parkway through Lyon, Caldwell and Hopkins counties, it will take some time for the signs to go up and for drivers to get used to new exit numbers along the Pennyryle," McClearn said.

I-69 will bring the following shift in exit numbers along the Pennyryle:

KY 813 Mortons Gap Exit 37 to Exit 108;  
KY 2171 Earlington/Madisonville Exit 40 to Exit 111;

KY 70 Madisonville/Central City Exit 42 to Exit 114;  
KY 281 Madisonville Exit 44 to Exit 116;

U.S. 41 Madisonville Exit 45 to Exit 117;  
KY 260 Hanson Exit 49 to Exit 120;  
KY 136 Calhoun/Slaughters Exit 54 to Exit 125;

KY 56 Sebree/Owensboro Exit 63 to Exit 134;  
KY 416 Robards/Niagara Exit 68 to Exit 140;

KY 425 Henderson Bypass Exit 76 to Exit 148 A and B.

McClearn said a similar effort is being made in KYTC District 1 to gain approval to push I-69 southward along the Purchase Parkway toward Fulton where exit numbers will also change. He noted the biggest piece of the puzzle remaining on Kentucky's I-69 Corridor is a bridge connection to cross the Ohio River to Indiana between Henderson and Evansville.

"As you know, the Indiana Department of Transportation gained approval to officially extend I-69 down the former I-164 Spur to the U.S. 41 Interchange. That puts it just over a mile north of the U.S. 41 Twin Bridges at Henderson," McClearn said. "The final 13 miles to cross the river and reach that connection point will perhaps be the most challenging segment of I-69 for us and our INDot neighbors."

According to McClearn, once all the 10 major I-69 contracts totaling \$260 million in upgrades are either completed or under construction, he expects FHWA to allow Kentucky to move ahead with appropriate signage and mile point changes. About \$110 million of the necessary work is under contract.

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# Panthers boys win fifth game of year

“It was a solid win for us,” Panther boys head coach Jeff Miler said after his team defeated Christian Fellowship 57-40 at home Jan. 20. The Panthers, who were paced by Dylan Simpson’s game-high 13 points, jumped out on top and led 16-7 after the

first quarter. The lead expanded in the second quarter, with the score 29-14 at halftime, and also in the third quarter with a 46-25 lead entering the final frame. “We were confident and wanted to make up for the loss in the game before against

Madisonville,” Miller said. “We didn’t score as well as we wanted, but we did put up 57 points.”

Also scoring in double figures for the Panthers was Kevin Brooks and Tanner Adams. Each scored 10 points.

The Panthers turned the ball over 11 times while the Eagles (2-15) had 13 turnovers. Neither team shot the ball well from the free throw line. The Panthers made nine of 22 for 41 percent. The Eagles made only seven of 25 for 28 percent.

“Our free throw shooting was bad,” Miller said. “We are having a hard time at the line.”

The Panthers won the junior varsity game 43-24. The score was 8-6 after the first quarter; 21-10 at the half; and 30-15 after three quarters.

Cole Cunningham led the Panthers with eight points; Owin Riley tallied seven; Dakota Jones and Justin Putman each had six; Taylor Edwards and Austin Clark each scored five; Ryan Bardin had four; and Caleb Hickerson tallied two points.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Brooks	4	0	1	10
Simpson	4	3	0	13
Riley	0	2	2	2
Clark	0	1	4	1
Edwards	1	0	0	3
Adams	4	0	2	10
Cunningham	2	2	1	6
Dyer	2	0	4	5
Jones	2	0	2	4
Putman	1	1	4	3
TOTALS	20	9	20	57

3-pointers: Brooks, 2, Simpson, 2, Adams, 2, Edwards, Dyer

Christ. Fellow.	7	14	25	40
Panthers	16	29	46	57



## Game is rescheduled

The girl/boy basketball doubleheader scheduled for Monday at home against Hopkins County Central was canceled. The game has been rescheduled.

The Panthers girls will play at 6 p.m. Feb. 3 with the boys game to follow.

KEVIN BROOKS shoots a runner in the lane during the Panthers’ 57-40 win at Panther gym over Christian Fellowship Tuesday, Jan. 3. Brooks scored 10 points in the contest.

photo by Mike Howton

# Panther girls lose in Class A tournament

“They were hitting all their shots,” Panther girls head coach Erik Peyton said following his team’s 57-23 loss to Lyon County in the All “A” Classic Regional Tournament. The game was played Thursday at Livingston Central.

The hot-shooting Lyons also had a balanced scoring attack as 10 players scored.

The Panthers faced a 20-8 deficit after the opening period which grew to 40-13 at the half. At the end of the third quarter the score was 53-19.

“I’d say they shot 80 percent in the first half,” Peyton said. “They are a very strong shooting team. The shots were falling from outside with defenders on them.”

The good shooting also showed at the foul line where the Lyons hit 10 of 16 for 63 percent. The Panthers only made five of 12 for 42 percent.

Lyon County’s Barrett Blackburn was the only scorer in double figures with 11 points.

The Panthers were paced by Brooklyn Cotton with nine points. Hannah Winters had

five; Andie Mills tallied four; Tiki Robinson scored three; and Ashton Mitchell had two points.

“We played better in the second half,” Peyton said. “The kids played hard and never gave up.”

A game Monday night at home against Hopkins County Central was canceled.

The Panthers are at home Friday and Saturday against Lyon County and Russellville, respectively. The Lyon County game is part of a girl/boy doubleheader. Tip off for Saturday’s junior varsity game is at 2 p.m.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Al. Mills	0	0	2	0
An. Mills	2	0	2	4
Cotton	3	3	2	9
Robinson	1	1	1	3
Woolsey	0	0	0	0
Hendrix	0	0	1	0
Mitchell	1	0	1	2
Winters	2	1	2	5
TOTALS	9	5	11	23

Panthers	8	13	19	23
Lyon County	20	40	53	57



LEADING cheers for the Panther basketball teams this season are (front, from left) Richelle Ray, Tatum Rose, Kaitlyn Menser (back) Leannndra Reed, Breanna Cunningham, Keillie Queen, Cameron Riley and Jon Williams. The squad is coached by Melanie Proffitt.

# Boys lose in Class A tourney

The Panther boys had a short stay in the 2nd Regional All “A” Classic played last week at Livingston Central. But that’s the result when you play the eventual tournament champion in an early round game.

The Blazers (4-16) from University Heights Academy defeated the Panthers 78-37.

The Panthers fell behind 19-5 after the first quarter; 43-22 at halftime; and 65-29 after three quarters.

“The score doesn’t say it, but we only had 17 turnovers,” head coach Jeff Miller said. “Against a talented team, that’s a big boost for us. I’m impressed with the way we are cutting down on turnovers.”

The Panthers had been giving the ball up around 25 times a game until the past few contests.

The Panthers’ Kevin Brooks, Dylan Simpson and Tanner Adams, all scored eight points. Hunter Dyer tallied six; Justin Putman had five; and Austin Clark scored two.

Ten Blazers scored, led by Tray Hollowell with 19.

“We didn’t score well, but Tanner Adams had a really good game with 10 rebounds and Dylan (Simpson) had eight,” Miller said. “They both came out ready to play.”

The Panthers made five of 11 free throws for 45 percent. The Blazers made 12 of 27 for 44 percent.

“They were big, strong, quick, fast, and we played a pretty decent game against them,” Miller said. “We had some open looks that just didn’t go down.”

The Blazers play Buckhorn tomorrow morning at

8:30 EST at the Frankfort Convention Center. With a win, they will advance to a quarterfinal game Friday at 5 p.m.

The Panthers play tomorrow at Livingston Central, then will play at home in girl/boy doubleheaders against Lyon County and Hokins County Central Saturday and Tuesday.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Brooks	3	0	4	8
Simpson	3	0	2	8
Clark	0	2	2	2
Adams	4	0	5	8
Dyer	3	0	1	6
Riley	0	0	1	0
Cunningham	0	0	2	0
Putman	1	3	3	5
TOTALS	14	5	20	37

3-pointers: Brooks, 2, Simpson, 2

Panthers	5	22	29	37
Univ. Heights	19	43	64	78

# JV, freshmen victorious

The Panther boys junior varsity and freshman basketball teams swept a pair of games Jan. 23 at Crittenden County. The JV squad won 41-33 while the freshmen came home with a 47-35 win.

In the junior varsity game the Panthers led throughout by scores of 9-4 after the first quarter; 27-13 at the half; and 31-18 after three quarters.

Dakota Jones led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 12 points. Dylan Simpson also reached double figures with 10 points. Justin Putman had eight; Schyuler Storms tallied five; and Austin Clark, Tanner Adams and Hunter Dyer each had two points. The Panthers didn’t

make any free throws in five attempts while the Rockets made nine of 18 for 50 percent.

The freshman Panthers won on the strength of a defensive shutout in the second quarter. The score was 15-13 after the opening period and 23-13 at the half. The lead stayed at 10 after three quarters, 29-19.

Kevin Brooks scored a game-high 19 points to pace the Panthers. Cole Cunningham was also in double figures with 10. Clark tallied seven; Tate Jones had five; and Owin Riley, Caleb Hickerson and Ryan Bardin each scored two points.

The two Panther teams will play Monday at Christian Fellowship.



# From Leon & rest of us, fare-thee-well, Mr. Cub

Ernie Banks died the other day and it made me think of another Mr. Cub. Leon Singleton.

Lives in McCreary County these days, Leon. He and the rest of us who took to dusty baseball fields on the hot July days of our youth, celebrate that Mr. Cub came our way. In my case, both of 'em.

Fare-thee-well, Mister Cub. Ernie Banks' body was 83. But between his ears he was 15, maybe. Ever smiling, ever grateful for life. Along with smiling Leon Singleton and others who owned his baseball card, he gave us sunny words as timeless as the best Yogi Berra-ism. Let's play two.

And, we did play two.

Mr. Cub was responsible for other wisdoms that separate those who embrace life sweetly no matter circumstance, from those who pursue it through brangles and briars of dollars.

In his book, *Ernie Banks: Mr. Cub and the Summer of '69*, author Phil Rogers wrote of No. 14 whose smile seemed forever ...

√ "I tried to sign every kid's autograph. Because in my mind, I thought that one day I might have to ask this kid for a job."

√ "My dad used to take me to the cotton fields, tell me to pick cotton. It taught me how to use my hands. I would grab. When I started to play baseball I just had the natural quick hands. That was my extra advantage, my slight edge over anybody else. I had quick hands. I could wait to the last minute and hit the ball. Nobody could understand it. But I had those quick hands, which I developed by picking cotton."

√ "Ernie Banks grew up in Dallas," Rogers wrote, "and told me once he was having so much fun riding buses with the Kansas City Monarchs that he wasn't happy when owner Tom Baird sold him and pitcher Bill Dickey to the Cubs for \$20,000 in September, 1953."

√ "My life is like a miracle."

Ernie Banks. Baseball fans are grateful he came our way.

And, Leon Singleton's way too.



BOB WATKINS

## Sports in Kentucky

### UK Glory Road

For basketball fans in Kentucky, a calendar's turn to February is bittersweet. The sweet is obvious: brag rights, record without blemish, the team's place at pinnacle of Hoops World. Traditionalists analyze the games painstakingly — assists, fast-break points, and new favorite, blocked shots.

February, here comes the bitter. Attachment to favorite players counting down to June. A growing, if unspoken dread for the recently institutionalized part of Kentucky basketball, get-me-to-the-NBA. In two months, too many favorites will be gone too soon. Among them perhaps, SEC freshman player of the week for last three in a row, Devin Booker.

The new generation of Wildcat fans are (John Calipari) re-programmed to "next!"

The rest of us will cherish those who savored time on the *Glory Road* instead of perilous pursuit after gold at the end of it.

**Burrow honor overdue**

Bob Burrow, two-time All-American at Kentucky (1955 and 1956) will be honored at this year's SEC Tournament at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville March 11-15 as a Conference Basketball Legend.

Sixty years on, this honor for Burrow and family is shamefully overdue. University of Kentucky athletic officials in rapture of goings-on in Calipari era, ought pay better attention to the program's rich past.

**Western rolls**

Western Kentucky's 7-0 start in C-USA is the best conference start since 1969-70 when the Jim McDaniels-led Hilltoppers were on way to 14-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Severe tests for the Tops this week with league road games at Louisiana Tech Thursday and Southern Miss Saturday.

**What-to-Watch Dept.:** Ben Lawson at Western Kentucky. Having seen the maturation of Nazr Mohammed at Kentucky and Felton Spencer at Louisville from walk-and-chew-gum-at-same-time to NBA-worthy, Lawson's advances are remarkable.

The gangly Brit is a study in team guy learn-grow-

advance.

In twin wins last week, Lawson's carefully managed minutes produced 11 points, 10 rebounds and nine blocked shots.

Native of Hitchin, south of Cambridge, England, Lawson has much to do — time at the dinner table and in weight room. But his minutes, timing and circumstance coach Ray Harper and staff choose to use their 7-foot sophomore, makes an intriguing chapter in a special story.

**Louisville**

Rick Pitino did last week one of the things he has a reputation for doing so artfully, spin.

His team's 15-3 record (at the time) is an accomplishment Da Coach rates somewhere between Houdini and a space walk.

In fact, along with growing a beard it was smoke to take away from Montrezl Harrell's revoked team captaincy and home losses to Kentucky and Duke sandwiched around a stinging give-away at North Carolina.

The Cardinals are still a team nobody wants to play and are back in groove in time for North Carolina then road games at Miami and No. 2 Virginia.

**Krzyzewski**

1,000 coaching wins. Mike Krzyzewski, with acknowledgement to players past and mentor Bob Knight, demonstrated again why he is among the elite ever in college hoops.

ESPN allotted good face time for the coach's wife as well.

Hoops Mount Rushmore: Adolph Rupp, John Wooden, Bob Knight and Coach K.

**Parting shot**

ESPN basketball analyst Dan Dakich drew the ire of Iowa coach Fran McCaffrey last week after Dakich blistered Iowa center Adam Woodbury for poking fingers into the eyes of two Wisconsin players.

Seeing a replay, Woodbury should be disciplined, and McCaffrey should use it as a teaching moment instead of berating a teevee guy.

And so it goes.

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# Preparing your bow for the offseason

By KEVIN KELLY  
Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Archery hunters in Kentucky enjoy a generous deer season that opens in late summer and spans more than four months.

When it closed earlier this week, hunters had pushed the overall harvest past 130,000 for the third consecutive season and to Kentucky's second-highest harvest total on record.

The hardcore bowhunter might turn attention to other hunting opportunities or devote more time to improving shooting form and skills through practice.

For those who intend to put their bow up, performing some routine maintenance now can help ensure it's ready to go when the urge hits to reach for it again.

"If you shot it and were comfortable with it all fall and put it away, you should feel comfortable enough when you get ready to pull it back out that it's still pretty close," said Dave Frederick, public lands biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and a high school archery coach.

"You're still going to have to shoot it and make sure your arrows are on target."

A bow's lifeline is its string and cables, so it's important to inspect them for wear and replace any that are damaged.

A broken string is the worst-case scenario, and it happens all the time, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Lt. Richard Adkins said.

"It usually breaks at the contact points in the cam where the string rolls," said Adkins, who started bow-hunting when he was 15 years old. "When you shoot that bow and that cam whips, there are high-wear areas on the cables. If those are left unchecked or you just keep shooting, there's a possibility your string could break. You don't want to take that chance."

To protect your string and cables, apply string wax and work it in by hand or with a small piece of leather. The friction warms the wax and helps the string absorb it.

"Keeping those strings well waxed and protected is

## Kentucky Afield



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**Lt. Richard Adkins of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources' law enforcement division with a gorgeous buck he took in central Kentucky with a bow. Properly maintaining your bow now ensures strong performance when you need it during hunting season.**

a big thing," Frederick said. "Even when the bow is not in use, it conditions those strings and makes them last longer."

Whether you hunted a few days or several, you've been out in the elements.

Rain and snow fell, and temperatures fluctuated wildly during Kentucky's archery deer season. Take a damp cloth and wipe off any accumulated dirt and grime. This is also a good time to clean any broadheads. If a bow sight uses batteries, remove them to

eliminate the risk of corrosion. Also, check and tighten any loose screws and make sure all attachment points for bow accessories are secure.

Another good practice is to inspect the bow's limbs, looking for any cracks or splinters.

"I can't tell you how many people have brought me bows and I've found cracked limbs," Adkins said. "You need to check your limbs and inspect them."

Once you're satisfied the bow is in good shape, store it somewhere that isn't prone to extreme heat or exposed to direct sunlight. Ultraviolet light can damage certain materials on the bow over time.

"My bow is usually in its bow case during the off-season, if I have an offseason," Frederick said. "If I know I'm going to be shooting my bow two or three nights this week, I've got hooks in my basement where it's not in direct sunlight."

Follow the manufacturer's maintenance recommendations and specs, but know your limitations. If you don't feel comfortable performing the work, or don't have the proper tools, ask a fellow bowhunter or visit your local pro shop.

A diligent archer becomes intimately familiar with a bow over time and inspects it before and after every use. The end of bow season is a good time to do the same. Doing so can prolong the life of a bow and instill confidence that it will be ready to perform when it counts most.

*Author Kevin Kelly is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield magazine.*

# Finding the *allure* in fishing lures

Glenn Reeves often visits yard sales, searching for fishing lures left behind in old tackle boxes.

Reeves, of Glasgow, is an avid fisherman, but he is also a collector of fishing lures, a hobby he has maintained for 25 years.

"A friend of mine, Ed Bartley ... he and another friend, Philip Toms, we just decided we were going to start collecting lures," Reeves said. "It was pretty slow at first, but then we got to finding more and more."

"I've been with him when he bought a lot of it," said Toms, of Smiths Grove. "He's got a pretty extensive collection by different lure manufacturers."

Another friend, Ed Darst of Glasgow, considers Reeves' collection to be worthy of a museum.

"It's fabulous. It's one of the best in this part of the country. It may be the best in Kentucky," Darst said.

Aside from yard sales, Reeves looks for lures at swap meets. Reeves, Toms and Bartley recently attended the NFLCC swap meet in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

They have a lot of stuff there," Reeves said. "If you can afford it, you can do good."

He also planned to attend the Barren Bassmasters' swap meet last weekend at the Cave City Convention Center.

Reeves collects both modern-day lures and antiques. Some are made of bone and were used by Native Americans. He also has the first fishing lures to be patented in the U.S.

"They were patented in 1852 — they made five sizes and I have all five sizes," he said.

Reeves acquired the first of his collection of five lures — which were all made by J.T. Buel of Vermont — when he purchased an old tackle box that had one inside.

"I started out with that one and then did some research on Buel and his spinners and found out that

these were the first ones patented," Reeves said. "The others I've just picked up maybe at a swap meet or maybe at a sale. Those type you don't find in tackle boxes much because they are so old."

Some of the lures are what Reeves calls "folk art," because they are hand-made from a variety of materials. Some are whittled from wood and others are made from household items such as spoons.

Reeves does not make lures, but Bartley does.

"Ed and I have an agreement that any time he makes a prototype he will make me one," Reeves said.

Bartley, also of Glasgow, said he made many of the lures in Reeves' collection.

"He's been collecting mine, but he doesn't have near as much as I do," Bartley said. "Probably no one has as many as I have. I've kept every one that I've come up with."

Aside from the lures Bartley makes, Reeves has others that were made in Kentucky. And there's one in particular he would like to add to his collection: a Shakespeare Revolution lure made of wood.

"It starts around \$4,000," he said.

Most of the lures in Reeves' collection are preserved in framed glass cases, but there are some that he uses often when fishing. He prefers to fish for bass and muskie.

The biggest fish he ever caught was a 46-inch muskie, which he caught in Canada. Reeves has been to Canada on fishing trips 25 times. He also participates in fishing tournaments as part of the Barren Bassmasters club.

Reeves, a retired builder, has plenty of time to fish. He and fellow bass club members fish nine months out of the year.

And what do they do when they're not fishing?

"We try to collect lures," he said.

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# Wedding Bells In Your Future

**Wedding Checklist**

Use this checklist to ensure you have all the items needed for the perfect wedding day celebration!

**Wedding Stationery**

- \_\_\_ Invitations
- \_\_\_ Announcements
- \_\_\_ Reception Enclosures
- \_\_\_ Map Cards
- \_\_\_ At Home Cards
- \_\_\_ Bows, Ribbons, & Wraps
- \_\_\_ Lined Inner Envelopes
- \_\_\_ Printed Envelopes
- \_\_\_ Save the Date Cards
- \_\_\_ Respond Card & Envelopes

**Ceremony Essentials**

- \_\_\_ Ring Bearer Pillow
- \_\_\_ Unity Candle & Candelabra
- \_\_\_ Flower Girl Basket
- \_\_\_ Aisle Runner
- \_\_\_ Taper Candles

**Appreciation Gifts**

- \_\_\_ Gratuity Envelopes
- \_\_\_ Parents Gifts: Handkerchiefs

**Special Items**

- \_\_\_ CD/DVD Case
- \_\_\_ Marriage Certificate
- \_\_\_ Car Decorating Kit
- \_\_\_ Wedding Time Capsule

**Bridal Party Gifts**

- \_\_\_ Personalized Shot Glasses
- \_\_\_ Passport Holder
- \_\_\_ Personalized Playing Cards
- \_\_\_ Luggage Tags
- \_\_\_ Personalized Glassware

**Decorative Seals**

- \_\_\_ Note Cards
- \_\_\_ Thank You Notes
- \_\_\_ Calligraphy Pens
- \_\_\_ Calling Cards
- \_\_\_ Bookmarks
- \_\_\_ Pew Cards
- \_\_\_ Programs

**Guest Book**

- \_\_\_ Plume Pen
- \_\_\_ Pew Bows
- \_\_\_ Garters

**Receipt Holder**

- \_\_\_ Thank You Guide
- \_\_\_ Glass Chalk
- \_\_\_ Memory Box

**Personalized Flask**

- \_\_\_ Friendship Candle
- \_\_\_ Picture Frames
- \_\_\_ Keepsake Box
- \_\_\_ Jewelry

**Reception Essentials**

- \_\_\_ Place Cards
- \_\_\_ Cake Knife & Server Set
- \_\_\_ White Bridal Lights
- \_\_\_ Book or Box Matches
- \_\_\_ Favor Making Supplies
- \_\_\_ Toasting Glasses/Goblets
- \_\_\_ Chiffon Tie-Ons
- \_\_\_ Ribbon Pulling Charms
- \_\_\_ Wishing Well Card Holder
- \_\_\_ Cookie Cutter Favors
- \_\_\_ Votive Candle Favors
- \_\_\_ Biodegradable Heart-Shaped Rice

- \_\_\_ Seeds of Love
- \_\_\_ Favor Bells
- \_\_\_ Post-it® Notes
- \_\_\_ Taper Candles
- \_\_\_ Balloons
- \_\_\_ Candy Hearts
- \_\_\_ Wedding Bubbles
- \_\_\_ Sewing Kit Favors
- \_\_\_ Cake Tops & Cake Top Dome
- \_\_\_ Bouquet Holders

- \_\_\_ Guest Books
- \_\_\_ Memory Albums
- \_\_\_ Cake Boxes or Bags
- \_\_\_ Favor Notepads
- \_\_\_ Disposable Ashtrays
- \_\_\_ Thank You Bookmarks
- \_\_\_ Floating Candles & Glass Cylinder
- \_\_\_ Candy Bar Wrapper Favors

- \_\_\_ Stir Sticks
- \_\_\_ Favor Ribbons
- \_\_\_ Plume Pen(s)
- \_\_\_ Coasters
- \_\_\_ Heart Lollipop

- \_\_\_ Thank You Ribbons & Scrolls
- \_\_\_ Beverage, Luncheon, & Dinner Napkins

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HUBERT by Dick Winger

"Fine place to look for an extra blanket!"

LAFF A DAY

"I thought it was the artist who was supposed to suffer, not the viewer."

THE SPATS by Jeff Pickering

GRANDPA, DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE PARANORMAL?

NO, IN FACT I DON'T EVEN BELIEVE IN THE NORMAL NORMAL.

OUT ON A LIMB by Gary Kopervas

GLINN PLAYS A GAME OF WHACK-A-MOTH

RFD by Marland

We've been participants in this trendy "farm-to-table" thing for years...

WE CALL IT SUPPER.

MUNCH... MUNCH... MUNCH... MUNCH... MUNCH...

AMBER WAVES by Dave T. Phipps

OK, BECKY DOES NOT SEE US. I'LL PEG HER WITH A SNOWBALL!

WACK!

SHE DIDN'T SEE A THING. NOW FOR THE PERFECT GETAWAY!

THIS IS WHY PERFECT CRIMES ONLY WORK DURING THE SUMMER.

MAGIC MAZE

WORDS WITH LETTERS FORMED WITHOUT LIFTING PEN

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger

Sometimes I think you're almost GLAD when Mother's visits end...

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

OK, ONCE AGAIN, I KNOW ALL THE WORDS YOU'RE USING YET DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME.

# TRIVIA TEST

1. LITERATURE: What is Hagrid's first name in the Harry Potter book series?

2. HISTORY: In what modern-day country did the ancient Etruscan civilization once thrive?

3. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of New Hampshire?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Where was President Lyndon Johnson sworn into office?

5. MOVIES: What was the name of Roy Hobbs' baseball bat in "The Natural"?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animals would a cryptozoologist study?

7. MYTHOLOGY: Who was Castor's twin brother?

8. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing blue jeans?

9. TELEVISION: In what sitcom series was the character of Frasier Crane introduced?

10. WORLD GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Portugal?

Answers

1. Rubeus

2. Italy

3. Concord

4. Aboard Air Force One, following the assassination of President John Kennedy.

5. "Wonderboy"

6. Legendary animals like the Loch Ness monster or Bigfoot

7. Pollux

8. Levi Strauss

9. "Cheers"

10. Lisbon

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# SUPER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Appear on the scene

7 Mystery writer

13 Sister of Snow White

20 Canadian dollar coin

21 As well

22 Retired female prof

23 Mischievous snake?

25 Capitol Hill bigwig

26 Bicycle part

27 Like Saturn

28 Ink-filled tool

29 Blend

30 One of the Musketeers

32 Graceful bird

34 Touchy- (overly emotional)

35 Greet with a head bob

37 What there is when a snake is inside a keg?

42 Sioux tribe member

43 Beatle bride

45 Golfer Palmer

46 Vienna is its cap.

47 Study of snake vision?

50 Bottom line

52 HP or Dell products

55 Confused

56 Noble act

57 St. Louis Arch

58 Canoe variety

60 Skeletal axis

62 Snake with a talk show?

65 1980s TV's "Remington"

68 "Crash" actor

69 Peaceful

70 Snake's relatives?

73 Arcade game pioneer

75 TV prizes

76 See 81-Down

77 Union foe

78 Billfold filler

82 Org. fining polluters

83 1:50, e.g.

85 Noodles shaped like knotted snakes?

88 Emerald, e.g.

89 Symbol of a team

91 Camera type, for short

92 Frying vessel

93 Thing that hones a snake's skills?

98 Part of TLC

100 Gather up

101 Treater's phrase

102 Sobbing soul

104 Sour

105 Tit-for- —

106 "Pretty nice!"

110 Now being broadcast

113 Living an isolated life

115 Snake's balderdash?

117 Aromatic

118 Gazed

119 "— down the hatch!"

120 "No, No, —" (old musical)

121 Mistake list

122 Broom room

DOWN

1 — unto itself

2 — Hashanah

3 Boxing tactic used by Ali

4 Derives from logic

5 Rule breaker, e.g.

6 Always, to poets

7 On the line

8 Hired hood

9 Snug as —

10 "It Had — You"

11 Sticks with, as a belief

12 Nibbled away

13 Transmit again

14 Boding sign

15 Sun Yat- —

16 Pencil tops

17 John of "Three's Company"

18 Star, to Pierre

19 Baseballer Strawberry

24 Prefix with cycle

28 Infamous box opener

31 Lyric poems sung by single voices

33 Newswoman Barbara

34 "As I Lay Dying" novelist

35 Star burst

36 Big elevator producer

38 Incursion

39 Curve part

40 Connections

41 Lamb's call

44 Frank

48 Pass gingerly

49 Golf ball supporter

51 Pull along

52 Funeral pile

53 French city on the Orne

54 — terrier (dog breed)

57 Internet auction site

59 Ghana's land

61 Wall coatings

62 Film snippet

63 Petroleum

64 Actress Huppert

65 "Peter Pan" pirate

66 Pack down tightly

67 Actress Stone

68 Where some very big birds are raised

71 Goldfish part

72 Superhero insect

73 Put-on

74 Mai — (rum drinks)

77 Surfeit

79 Hopefuls

80 Jazzy

81 With 76- Across, quit, informally

84 "Jimmy" has two

85 Pre-A.D. abbr.

86 Suffix with ball or bass

87 Suggestion

88 Body signal

90 Unthrifty type

93 Mete (out)

94 Actress Seyfried

95 30-year late-night host

96 Raspy

97 Kigali's land

99 Rome's Via —

103 Tokyo, once

105 Tightly strung

107 Polish river

108 Prefix with byte

109 Boone of baseball

111 "Gotcha"

112 Pay to live in

114 Filming locale

115 Pal of Tarzan

116 "Go On" network

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# To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

**Premature Heartbeats Are Extremely Common**

DEAR DR. ROACH: I went to a walk-in clinic because I had chest pain. They did an EKG and saw extra beats (PVCs). They recommended I go to a cardiologist, and he put me on a heart monitor, which showed that I had 5,000 extra beats within 24 hours. He had me come back in two weeks and did an echocardiogram (heart muscles are perfect) and heart monitor (still extra beats). He did a stress test, and it was normal. He has no idea why I have extra beats.

I have a feeling they have been going on for a long period of time, because when the nurse asked me if I could feel them while she was doing the echo, it felt like a flutter, and I had been feeling them for at least a year (I didn't know what it was). He has me coming back to see him in three months. Can you give me some insight? -- D.J.

ANSWER: Premature beats are very common, almost universal, and come in two types: premature atrial beats (PACs) and premature ventricular beats (PVCs). These can happen in people with perfectly normal hearts, but your cardiologist did exactly the recommended tests, including an EKG, echocardiogram and stress test. This is to be sure your heart function and blood flow are normal. Since they are, you don't need to do anything about it unless the fluttering sensation is bothering you.

There are several mechanisms for PVCs. The electrical system of the heart can develop a kind of short-circuit, called a re-entry loop, which is the most common cause. Individual heart muscle cells also can trigger a premature beat.

If you desire treatment, the usual treatment is a beta blocker, which can reduce symptoms. Other medications also are used. In cases where medica-

tions don't work, radio waves can be used to stop the areas of the heart where the extra beats arise.

The booklet on abnormal heart rhythms explains atrial fibrillation and the more common heart-rhythm disturbances in greater detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach -- No. 107W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6. Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: About two years ago, I had terrible pain on the top part of the left side of my head. It also felt very warm. I went to my doctor, who diagnosed it as shingles and treated me with gabapentin. I can't recall how long I took the pills, but eventually he told me to wean myself off of them.

My question is: Did I really have shingles? I had the pain, but no sores or blisters. -- T.K.

ANSWER: There is a condition called zoster sine herpette, which means "zoster without the blisters." I have seen cases where the pain precedes the blisters by months -- once by 18 months -- but I haven't personally seen a case where the blisters never show. Still, given your history, I think there's a very good chance that your doctor was right.

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Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com), or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Answers

ARRIVE	AGATHA	ROSERED
LOONIE	TOBOOT	EMERITA
ASPFORT	ROUBLE	SENATOR
WHEEL	RINGED	PENSTIR
ARAMIS	SWAN	FEELY
NODSTO	KRAIT	ANDBARREL
OTO	ONO	ARNOLD
VIPEROPTICS	TOTAL	PCS
ASEA	DEED	EERO
SPINE	COBRA	WINFREY
STEELE	ELIAS	SERENE
MAMBASFAMILY	ATARI	
EMMYS	ITUP	SCAB
EPA	TENOF	BOATIE
GEM	MASCOT	SLR
RACERSHARP	PENER	LOVING
AMASS	ONME	WEEPER
TART	TAT	NOTBAD
INSULAR	ADDERN	ONSENSE
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NANETTE	ERRATA	CLOSET





**MEMBERS** of the Dawson Springs High School academic team who won the district championship are (front, from left) Allison Gordon, Victoria Solomon, Christina Norris, Tracy Thomas, Brooklyn Dunn, Jessica Earl, Breanna Rice, (back) Celebrity Duncan, Wade Workman, Erin Woolsey, D.J. Thomas, Dakota Ford, Hunter McGee and Bailey Moore.

## Local Students Named To MCC's Dean's List

Madisonville Community College has announced its Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have completed 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.5 in 100 level courses or above. Dawson Springs' students named to the list

were Regina Adams, Macy Byrd, Whitney Copeland, Sarah Coy, Christa Crick, Kayli Cunningham, Whitley Dillingham, Sarah Huddleston, Kelly Lloyd, Chelsea Orange, Jaken Orten, Lance Pace, Ce'Nedra Rodriguez, Mary Shelton, Denise Sizemore and Forrest Winters.

## Hopkins County Students Named To UK Dean's List

A record high 6,366 students were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Kentucky. To make a Dean's List in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean's List. Hopkins County students making the list are Briana Lee Barnett, Aaron J. Brewer, Bonnie Elizabeth Burden, Ariana Nicole Chambers, Chloe Elizabeth Crist, Katlyn Page Daniel, Krista Dodson, Takiera Shanea Frazier.

Also, Justin William Thomas Hill, Caden Matthew Holmes, Mason Mechiele Howard, Iven T. Jessup, Lauren Ellen Johnston, Andrew Taylor Lacheta, Johnathon Lam, Lauren Mackenzie LeGrand, Jonathan Pratt Oldham, Kellie Noel Pittocco. Also, Kendall Brooke Riggs, Olivia Kathryn Senter, Kelsey Nicole Shaffer, Jaliya M. Slaton, Tamara Marie Stallins, Victoria Lynne Wallace, Melissa J. Weil, Philip Logan Whitfield and Ryan Jess Winstead. The full Dean's List can be accessed at [www.uky.edu/Pages/News/DeansList/](http://www.uky.edu/Pages/News/DeansList/).

## Earth Day Photo Contest Open To Middle Schoolers

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet has kicked off its fifth annual Capture the Earth digital photography contest for students in grades 6-8. The Capture the Earth photo contest is open to all Kentucky middle school students. Judges will look for originality and creativity, photo composition and a brief explanation of how well the photograph celebrates the beauty and diversity of Kentucky and encourages others to care about the state's environment through stewardship and conservation. "The goals of our photography contest are twofold," said EEC secretary Len Peters. "First, we want students to get outside, explore their natural surroundings and connect with nature. Second, this contest enables students to use their creativity and critical thinking skills by taking photos and explaining, in

writing, how their photo can encourage others to be better stewards of the environment." Entries must be received by April 3. The winner will receive a night's lodging at a Kentucky State Resort Park of the winner's choosing with his or her family. Middle school students may email one photograph as an attachment to [kidsphotocontest@ky.gov](mailto:kidsphotocontest@ky.gov). Official rules are available at <http://eec.ky.gov/Pages/earthday.aspx>.

## Elder Abuse Council To Meet

The February meeting of the Hopkins/Muhlenberg Elder Abuse Council is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Hopkins County Senior Center, 200 N. Main St. in Madisonville.



**DONALD STEELY AND JENNIFER MATHENY** Will marry at Charleston Baptist Church

## Jennifer Matheny Will Wed Donald Steely In February

Jennifer Lynn Matheny and Donald Keith Steely will be married Feb. 14 at Charleston Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Hilda Holman of Dawson Springs and the late Bill Holman. The groom is the son of James and Lois Steely of Ilsey. He is employed at Black equipment. The wedding will take place at 10 a.m. All family and friends are invited to attend.

## H. S. Academic Team Are District Champions

The Dawson Springs High School academic team won the district championship in competition at Trigg County Jan. 20 and 24 and will advance to regional play in February. The quick recall team was undefeated in district competition. Members are: team captain Tracy Thomas, Allison Gordon, Dakota Ford, Erin Woolsey, Jessica Earl, Hunter McGee and Celebrity Duncan. The future problem solving team, made up of Cameron Riley, Erin Woolsey, Victoria Solomon, Haylie Cunningham and Tanner Weir placed second in the district. The following students scored in the top five in individual testing and will also move on to regional competi-

tion. Celebrity Duncan and Breanna Rice tied for first place in mathematics, and Dakota Ford placed fifth. D.J. Thorp placed first in social studies, and Tracy Thomas was first in language arts and in composition. In arts and humanities, Allison Gordon placed second; Brooklyn Dunn, third; and Bailey Moore, fifth. Final standings in the district competition were Dawson Springs, 52 points; Trigg County, 33.5 points; Livingston Central, 19.5 points and Caldwell County, 15 points. Regional competition in future problem solving and composition will take place Feb. 10 at Muhlenberg County. Quick recall and testing are scheduled for Feb. 14.

## Middle Academic Team Receives District Awards

The Dawson Springs middle grades academic team received the Hume Sportsmanship Award at district competition at West Hopkins this month and placed third overall. In individual testing, Kylie Littlejohn placed third in mathematics and third in arts and humanities. Ethan Vincent was fourth in social studies and second in science. Daniel Garrett placed fifth in composition. The future problem solving team was second overall. The team is made

up of Abigail McGregor, Emma Thorp, Daniel Garrett and Zoe Howton. Dawson Springs placed first in quick recall. Team members are Emma Thorp, Daniel Garrett, Charles Abbott, Ali Nieters, Ethan Vincent, Kylie Littlejohn, Marlee Burden, Madison Laffoon, Carly Alexander and Justin Knight. Regional competition began yesterday in Muhlenberg County with future problem solving and composition. Quick recall and testing will take place Saturday.



**DAWSON SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** students of the month for November are (front, from left) Maria Alvarado, Jaxen Thomas, Erica Bruce; (back) principal Jennifer Ward, Casey Fain and Emily Abbott. Not pictured are Gage Smiley, Logan Halverson and Ross Moore.



**MEMBERS** of the American Legion & Sons Post 310 pictured with food baskets and gifts they distributed at Christmas time to needy families in the community are (from left) James Babb, Lisa Babb, Martha Lacey, Alan Atkins, Holly Ruby and Virgil Cooper.